

Answers –latest splinter review

- 1) 4C perfect 2) you didn't say 4H I hope ?! Good. Splinters are only 4C or 4D
Here you have to reply 3 or 4 sp or a DGR of 2D.
Im in the DGR group
- 3) 3H limit raise 10-12 4) 4C
- 5) 4H –don't think of six H –it wont happen
- 6) 4NT –the splinter makes all the difference –go for it
- 7) 3D JS 8) 1S DGR 9) 4D Spl 10) 3S LR 11) 4S GR
- 12) (i) correct –if you open at the 2 level you start by placing the STOP on the table
- (ii) incorrect –South has bid at the 3 level (tis true) BUT they had to (in the sense that the preceding bid was 2H and Souths 3C was the lowest level available). No jump no STOP
- 13) The J hrts. It was reasonable to think (i) partners lead of a LOW card promised an hon and (ii) that that hon was the K (though it could also have been the 10)
- 14) we lead clubs and having a nohing suit we lead top of nothing ie the 9 of clubs, Spare me from partners who lead the 2 clubs
- 14) Good way! (i)
- T1) Win Ace hrts T2) lead 5 h which opps win T3) we win whatever opps lead
T4) lead 3rd heart and ruff it T5) onwards ...draw trumps and subsequently play diamonds throwing the losing 2 clubs

Good way! (ii) and only the experts amongst you got this right

- T1) Win Ace hrts T2) Ace diamonds T3) K diamonds
T4) lead 4 diamonds and ruff it with J sp T5) Ace sp T6) K sp T7) 10 S
T8) Q diamonds throwing a heart T9) lead 5 diamonds throwing a heart
T10) Ace clubs T11) K clubs T12) Q sp T13) 2 clubs loses

Bad way! (iii) and this is what I suspect some tried (and you might make 13 it has to be admitted)

- T1) Win Ace hrts T2) Ace Sp T3) K Sp
T4) Qsp T5) Ace D T6) KD T7) Q D throwing a heart...

Now if the diamonds “broke” (3-3) the remaining 2 diamonds are winners and you can chuck another heart and the 2 clubs.

So why was this wrong ? Well the diamonds which are A2-----KQ654
Are most likely to break 4---2 and not 3-----3.

And if they do , come Trick 8) you wont have anymore winning diamonds to discard hearts and the club. And will make only 11

